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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of May 19, 2004**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Public Safety Committee Chairman Chester Stribling called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Ray Graham, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Jonathan S. Lynn, Attorney for the Commonwealth
- Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox, Jr.
- Mr. Tony Hooper, Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Acting Assistant County Administrator
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Paul McCulla, County Attorney
- Mr. Joel Dodd, WFJCC
- Mr. Bill Dugan, WFJCC
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Chief Philip Myer, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT
- Ms. Alexandra Bogedahovic, Fauquier Times Democrat
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Mr. Stribling called for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the March 17, 2004 meeting. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

**4. Fingerprinting for Concealed Weapons**

County Attorney, Paul McCulla, elaborated on his written opinion regarding the fingerprinting of applicants for concealed weapons. He advised that the county has the discretion to adopt such an ordinance. If the county does not enact an ordinance to require fingerprinting, then the Circuit Court shall rely on a criminal record check when deciding to issue permits. He also advises that Virginia Code 18.2-308 makes no mention of the renewal process of a five year permit. Therefore, after expiration of the five year permit, fingerprinting would be required to apply for a new one. Sheriff Fox was tasked with discussing this issue with Judge Parker and the topic will be placed on the June 16 agenda for review.

**5. Withdrawal from the Northern Virginia Training Academy**

Katie Heritage informed the committee that after an extensive costs/benefits analysis, withdrawing from the Northern Virginia Training Academy would result in an estimated \$70,000 savings for the county. However, she indicated that it would not be an easy or timely process. Even if the county pays off its bonds, the other 16 members of the academy must also unanimously agree to the withdrawal.

**6. Quantico Mutual Aide Agreement**

Chief Myer indicated that only minor changes to the Aide agreement were needed. He will place this item on the next Board of Supervisors agenda for review. Mr. Graham suggested using the Public Safety Committee as the sponsor for this request.

**7. Fire Marshal Services**

Chief Myer gave a presentation on the county's existing Fire Marshal Services and outlined the need for additional staffing in the future. The current makeup consists of only two paid employees and relies heavily on the use of volunteers and resources from neighboring jurisdictions. Chief Myer is requesting the funding of two additional full-time staff to support operations and investigations. It was recommended that a work session be scheduled to further discuss the matter.

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**8. Roundtable**

Mr. Dugan informed the committee that the 800 MHz radio system has a tentative completion date of July 1. Sheriff Fox advised the new animal warden position has been advertised and hopes to have it filled by July 1. Chief Myer gave an update on the county's defibrillator grant and said it is running smoothly. Tom Marable agreed to provide the committee with an updated list of standard FRA event criteria at the next meeting.

**9. Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling called for adjournment at 6:30 pm. Generally concurred.

*Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2004*

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*Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff*  
*Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee*